

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original) A camera having a main body portion, and a lens camera cone freely sunk and reeled out in accordance with a manual operation, comprising:

a positioning means for positioning said lens camera cone at a predetermined reel-out position at a time when said lens camera cone is reeled out and positioning said lens camera cone at a predetermined sinking position at a time when said lens camera cone is sunk; and

an energizing means for energizing said lens camera cone toward said reel-out position at a time when said lens camera cone exists in a portion near said reel-out position, and energizing said lens camera cone toward said sinking position at a time when said lens camera cone exists in a portion near said sinking position.

2. (original) A camera as claimed in claim 1, wherein said energizing means energizes said lens camera cone at each of a plurality of angular positions obtained at a time of separating all the periphery of said lens camera cone into a plurality of sections having a uniform angle.

3. (original) A camera as claimed in claim 2, wherein

said energizing means is a toggle spring arranged at said each angular position.

4. (original) A camera as claimed in claim 1, wherein a bellows for shielding light and connecting said main body portion with said lens camera cone is provided, and said bellows carries out a part of said energizing means so as to establish an operation of energizing said lens camera cone toward said reel-out position at a time when said lens camera cone exists in the portion near said reel-out position.

5. (original) A camera as claimed in claim 1, wherein said lens camera cone is provided with a finger-engage portion with which a finger of an operator is engaged at a time of manually reeling out said lens camera cone, in a front end portion thereof.

6. (original) A camera as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

a lens barrier arranged on a front surface of said lens camera cone, opening in correspondence to a reel-out operation of said lens camera cone and closing in correspondence to a sinking operation of said lens camera cone;

a shutter mechanically connected to said main body portion at a time when said lens camera cone is at said reel-out position, connected to said main body portion via a connecting mechanism in which the connection to said main body portion is removed at a time when said lens camera cone is at said sinking position, executing an opening and closing operation on the basis of a drive force transmitted via said connecting mechanism in

correspondence to a release operation at a time when said lens camera cone is at said reel-out position, and getting freedom from the transmission of the drive force applied via said connecting mechanism at a time when said lens camera cone is at said sinking position, said shutter being provided in an inner portion of said lens camera cone; and

a main power source switch keeping an on state at a time when said lens camera cone is at said reel-out position and keeping an off state at a time when said lens camera cone is at said sinking position.

7. (previously presented) A camera comprising:
 - a main body portion;
 - a lens camera cone freely sunk and reeled out of said main body portion when manually operating the camera;
 - a positioning element for positioning said lens camera cone at a predetermined reel-out position when said lens camera cone is reeled out and positioning said lens camera cone at a predetermined sinking position when said lens camera cone is sunk; and
 - a plurality of urging elements for urging said lens camera cone toward said reel-out position when said lens camera cone is in said reel-out position, and urging said lens camera cone toward said sinking position when said lens camera cone is in said sinking position.

8. (previously presented) The camera as claimed in claim 7, further comprising first and second projections on a periphery of said lens camera cone.

9. (previously presented) The camera as claimed in claim 8, wherein said first and second projections are 180° to each other.

10. (previously presented) The camera as claimed in claim 8, further comprising two urging elements connected to said first and second projections.

11. (previously presented) The camera as claimed in claim 10, wherein said two urging elements are toggle springs.

12. (new) A camera having a main body portion, and a lens camera cone freely sunk and reeled out in accordance with a manual operation, comprising:

a positioning element for positioning said lens camera cone at a predetermined reel-out position when said lens camera cone is reeled out and positioning said lens camera cone at a predetermined sinking position when said lens camera cone is sunk; and

an energizing means for energizing said lens camera cone toward said reel-out position at a time when said lens camera cone exists in a portion near said reel-out position, and energizing said lens camera cone toward said sinking position at a time when said lens camera cone exists in a portion near said sinking

position,

wherein said lens camera cone is provided with a finger-engage portion with which a finger of an operator is engaged at a time of manually reeling out said lens camera cone, in a front end portion thereof.

13. (new) A camera as claimed in claim 12, wherein said energizing means energizes said lens camera cone at each of a plurality of angular positions obtained at a time of separating all the periphery of said lens camera cone into a plurality of sections having a uniform angle.

14. (new) A camera as claimed in claim 13, wherein said energizing means is a toggle spring arranged at said each angular position.

15. (new) A camera as claimed in claim 12, further comprising a bellows for shielding light and connecting said main body portion with said lens camera cone, said bellows carries out a part of said energizing means so as to establish an operation of energizing said lens camera cone toward said reel-out position at a time when said lens camera cone exists in the portion near said reel-out position.

16. (new) A camera as claimed in claim 12, further comprising:

a lens barrier arranged on a front surface of said lens camera cone, opening in correspondence to a reel-out operation of said lens camera cone and closing in correspondence to a sinking

operation of said lens camera cone;

a shutter mechanically connected to said main body portion at a time when said lens camera cone is at said reel-out position, connected to said main body portion via a connecting mechanism in which the connection to said main body portion is removed at a time when said lens camera cone is at said sinking position, executing an opening and closing operation on the basis of a drive force transmitted via said connecting mechanism in correspondence to a release operation at a time when said lens camera cone is at said reel-out position, and getting freedom from the transmission of the drive force applied via said connecting mechanism at a time when said lens camera cone is at said sinking position, said shutter being provided in an inner portion of said lens camera cone; and

a main power source switch keeping an on state at a time when said lens camera cone is at said reel-out position and keeping an off state at a time when said lens camera cone is at said sinking position.

17. (new) A camera comprising:

a main body portion;

a lens camera cone freely sunk and reeled out of said main body portion when manually operating the camera; and

an urging element for urging said lens camera cone toward a reel-out position when said lens camera cone is in said reel-out position, and urging said lens camera cone toward a sinking position when said lens camera cone is in said sinking position,

wherein said lens camera cone has a finger-engage portion in a front end portion thereof with which a finger of an operator is engaged at a time of manually reeling out said lens camera cone.

18. (new) A camera as claimed in claim 17, wherein said urging element urges said lens camera cone at each of a plurality of angular positions obtained at a time of separating all the periphery of said lens camera cone into a plurality of sections having a uniform angle.

19. (new) A camera as claimed in claim 18, wherein said urging element is a toggle spring arranged at said each angular position.

20. (new) A camera as claimed in claim 17, further comprising a bellows for shielding light and connecting said main body portion with said lens camera cone, said bellows carries out a part of said urging so as to establish an operation of urging said lens camera cone toward said reel-out position at a time when said lens camera cone exists in the portion near said reel-out position.

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